

## Resource Action Identification Form

**1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:**

- a. Name of proposed Resource Action: Restriction of OHV Access to Culturally Sensitive Areas

**2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:**

- a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: OHV activities are irreparably damaging cultural resources within the FERC Project 2100 boundary, particularly within the fluctuation zone of the reservoir where currently there is unrestricted access. This resource action proposes to restrict access to areas containing cultural resources/historic properties that have been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources. Restrictions could apply to individual resources or to areas containing numerous historic properties. Permanent physical barriers could be erected to eliminate access in areas above maximum pool. However, movable barriers would be required within the fluctuation zone to facilitate installation and removal according to water elevation. As an alternative to barriers, signs could be used to inform OHV enthusiasts of restricted access (see Resource Action No. CRWG4); however, this would require regular, frequent monitoring and enforcement by rangers or others with legal authority to cite or arrest restriction violators. Similar to barriers, signs within the fluctuation zone would have to be removed during high water.
- b. Any physical or operational changes:  
☒ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Unknown  
If Yes, Please explain: Physical changes would include the installation of barriers or signs, at least on a seasonal basis. Operational changes would occur in the form of restricting OHV use in specific areas.
- c. Proposed start date and duration  
Start design/planning (month/yr): February, 2007  
Start implementation: Summer 2007  
Duration (month(s)/yr(s)): Indefinite – permanent restrictions to specific areas
- d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)  
☒ Inside      ☐ Outside      ☐ Unknown

Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: Foreman Creek and in the vicinity of the Enterprise boat ramp are two possible locations for restricted OHV access. Numerous other areas are likely to be identified as the result of ongoing studies. FERC has no jurisdiction to restrict access to areas outside of the Project 2100 boundary.

- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate: CRWG1, CRWG5 and CRWG23 might address the issue at Foreman Creek.

☐ Unknown

- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): OHV tracks are clearly visible on soil within the fluctuation zone. The presence or absence of such tracks within areas to be protected, after barriers or signs had been erected, would attest to the success of the resource action.

☐ Unknown

- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: Extremely feasible; movable barriers have been used successfully at Enterprise for temporary closure, and signs have been used to restrict access at Foreman Creek.

☐ Unknown

- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

- ☒ Land Use and Management
- ☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics
- ☒ Cultural Resources
- ☐ Engineering and Operations
- ☐ Environmental

**3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:**

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- d. Date prepared: September 25, 2003
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: CRWG

**4. Resource Goals:**

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate:

CR02.01 – Evaluate the need (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources;

CR02.02 – Emphasize protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir);

CR02.03 – Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (e.g., sites exposed to potential damage during reservoir drawdowns or through recreational activities);

CR02.04 – Establish areas to be managed primarily for historical preservation purposes (e.g., historical areas, traditional use areas, repatriation locations);

CR03.01 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse project effects of existing and future project facilities, operations and maintenance on cultural resources;

CR03.02 – Develop a Cultural Resources Management Plan based on an understanding of how the operation and maintenance of the project hydroelectric facilities and activities associated with the project (e.g., recreation use/developments, wildlife management, and fuel load management) could affect significant cultural resource values.

☐ Unknown

- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal: Restricting OHV access in areas with historic properties will prevent continued disturbance of those resources by OHV recreational activity.

☐ Unknown

**5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing**

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s): CRE1, CRE9, CRE22, possibly CRE61

☐ Unknown

- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address: OHV activities within the Project 2100 boundaries continue to impact cultural resources. This issue must be addressed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, NEPA and CEQA.

☐ Unknown

- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to: Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005).

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